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Subject: Paragon Metals Abatement

Chairman Brandenburg, Vice Chair Bieda, and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you for considering SB 1148 as introduced by Senator Caswell. I apologize for not being able to attend the Committee meeting to provide testimony on this bill. On behalf of Quincy Township, the Village of Quincy, and Paragon Metals, we are asking for your assistance in seeing that this bill is approved and Paragon Metals is able to receive the full abatement allowed under Michigan Law and as approved by Quincy Township.

This bill is before you today because of a few issues that arose during the approval process for two abatement requests for Paragon Metals. While Paragon Metals is not located within the Village, we have a cooperative relationship with our township and I assist them in processing tax abatement applications and other economic development efforts. We were approached by Paragon requesting approval of two personal property abatement requests in 2011. The Township and I processed the abatement requests as we have for the last ten years (same forms, same process), including abatement for Paragon in the preceding year.

A few weeks later, we were notified by the State that the resolution needed to be changed and information was missing from the submittal (lease documents that the application specifically state should be kept at the local office). The rep from Treasury also informed us that they were late and may not be considered this year. When we stated that we followed the same process that had been approved in years past we were told that the act was specific and that we were out of luck.

I understand that new administrations and employees bring different approaches, but I am requesting that you approve this bill so that Paragon is not penalized because of actions on the local and state level. They acted in good faith. We have made the necessary changes on the local level to our process and will not have this issue again.

I hope that you are able to vote yes and assist us in helping Paragon Metals grown in Michigan. Thank you again for considering SB 1148.

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